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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION BY AMOCO IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) TEL AVIV TTIE, (B) CAIRO 10940, (C) TEL AVIV 5571

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL B, WE HAVE ASKED AMOCO NOT TO SEND THE SHIP UNTIL AUG 19 AND COMPANY HAS AGREED TO COMPLY. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, HAVING TO DO WITH SEPT 21 LEASE EXPIRY, AMOCO IS ANXIOUS TO GET UNDERWAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE FAVOR CONCEPT OF INFORMING THE ISRAELIS IN ADVANCE OF SUCH OPERATION, BUT CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD AVOID SEEMING TO BE ASKING PERMISSION, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS IS APPARENTLY A DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AS OPPOSED TO AN EXPLORATION ACTIVITY. WHILE IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE ISRAELIS WILL NOT INTERFERE IN AN OPERATION CONDUCTED BY AN AMERICAN COMPANY, WE HOPE THAT REQUESTING THEIR ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL NOT DO SO WILL NOT IN THEIR EYES BE CONSTRUED AS REQUESTING PERMISSION.
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